(ख) यदि नहीं तो बैंकों द्वारा रेजगारी वापस न लिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या बैंकों से बड़े पैमाने पर रेजगारी का लेनदेन कमीशन के आधार पर ही किया जाता है और यदि हां, तो इस समस्या का समाधान करने हेतु सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आरबीआई) ने सूचित किया है कि सिक्कों के लिए बड़ी संख्या में निविदाएं प्राप्त करने वाला उनका सर्राफ अनुभाग उनके नई दिल्ली कार्यालय वर्ष में 1980 से बन्द पड़ा है, क्योंकि सिक्कों की निरन्तर काफी कमी रही है। हाल ही में, आरबीआई के नई दिल्ली कार्यालयों को सिक्कों के लिए बड़ी संख्या में निविदा जमा करने हेतु व्यापारी/सर्राफ से अनुरोध प्राप्त हुआ है।

(ग) आर बी आई के अनुसार वे रेजगारी/छोटे सिक्के स्वीकार करते समय निविदाकारों से कोई कमीशन वसूल नहीं करते हैं।

Irregularities in Bank of India Finance Limited

2042. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Special Officer enquiring into the irregularities in Securities Transaction of Bank of India Finance Limited has submitted his Report on the 24th of August, 1994;

(b) whether prosecution has been launched against persons found guilty and if not when will it be launched; and

(c) what are the reasons for not taking action on the report of the Special Officer for so long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they had appointed Shri G.R. Bedge, IAS (Retd.) in June, 1994 for looking into accountability of the top management for the irregularities in securities transactions in Bank of India Finance Ltd. The Special Officer had identified ten officials for the various irregularities. The action taken against these officials is as under:

(i) Dismissed	2
(ii) Major penalty proceedings initiated	2
(iii) Letter of displeasure communicated	1
(iv) Reprimanded	1
(v) Referred to CVC	1

No departmental action was possible against three officials as they had retired from service. A copy of the report of the Special Officer has also been referred to CBI.

Report of JPC on security SCAM

2043. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee to enquire into the irregularities in securities and bank transactions, the Government or RBI caused special detailed investigation to be made by appointing special officers, into securities transactions of the banks involved in the Scam;

(b) if so, whether investigations have been completed and reports received; and

(c) if so, details of actions if any taken on the reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had appointed retired IAS Officers as Special Officers in the following 8 public sector banks and subsidiaries for fixing accountability of the top management for the irregularities in securities transactions:—

1. Andhra Bank and Andhra Bank Financial Services Limited.
2. Allahabad Bank and Allbank Finance Limited.

3. Canara Bank and its subsidiaries viz., Canbank Mutual Fund (CBMF) and the Canbank Financial Services Limited.
4. SBI Capital Markets Ltd.
5. Syndicate Bank
6. State Bank of Saurashtra
7. Bank of India Finance Limited
8. State Bank of Patiala.

The reports submitted by the Special Officers were examined by RBI and the banks were advised to initiate necessary action. The reports of the Special Officers have also been forwarded to CBI for investigation.

Cogentrix Power Project

2044. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI G.G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cogentrix 1000 MW project in Karnataka is going to cost Rs. 43,000 crores, that is Rs. 4.3 crore per MW, and the cost per unit to consumers would be Rs. 4 per unit; and

(b) whether it is a fact that this amounts to much higher cost compared to other Mega Power projects including controversial Enron Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The project report submitted by the promoters to be Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has indicated the estimated capital cost of the Mangalore TPS (1000 MW) as Rs. 4387 crores at 1997 price level. However, the firm cost estimates have so far not been submitted by the promoters. The project would be considered for techno-economic clearance after necessary inputs/clearances such as submission of firm cost estimates, obtaining environmental clearance are tied up. The cost per MW could be known after the project cost has been cleared by the CEA.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply above.

Cogentrix Power Project

2045. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position regarding the clearance of Cogentrix mega power project planned in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government are aware of any dead-line set by the State Government for clearance of the proposal at the Centre; and

(c) whether it is a fact that many overseas investors in power sector are not insisting on counter-guarantees and whether Government are also considering such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Feasibility report of Managalore power company project submitted to CEA by the promoters is under examination and 'in principle' clearance of the project has been accorded by CEA on 27.7.1995. The project would be considered for techno-economic clearance after necessary inputs/clearances such as environmental clearance, submission of firm cost estimates are tied up.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) To instil confidence in the investors, Government has decided to give counter guarantees to 8 initial fast track power projects including the power project being set up by M/s. Cogentrix at Mangalore in Karnataka. No further proposal to give counter guarantee to other projects is under consideration.

Modernisation of Orissa Textile Mill at Chaudhwar

2046. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise Orissa Textiles Mill at Chaudhwar;